Principal’s Address
Dear Parents and Carers,

The important Student Census that was completed by all schools across the State recently, revealed 30 less children enrolled at Tambrey than our conservative estimates last year. This has our pressure on class and staffing structures. Though we have been able to keep changes to a minimum, we have had to amalgamate our four Kindy classes to three. I would like to thank the staff parents and children involved in this change for their understanding and patience during this transition. Though it is not ideal, I am confident that with ongoing partnerships between school and home supporting the children as they commence their formal education journey, this transition will be successful.

External Recruitment Freeze

The State Government initiated an external recruitment freeze at the end of last year until June 21 2016. Unfortunately, this has effected some of our staff. We have had to farewell and thank Jodi Bampton and Caley Howard for their service to our school. You will still see them around as we are able to employ them on a casual basis for relief, but are unable to employ them in a fixed term or permanent position. I have sought exemption for them but this can only be approved between the Minister for Education and the Treasurer.

Gumala 3A Early Learning Playgroup

Negotiations are ongoing with Gumala Aboriginal Corporation regarding the 3A playgroup. Funding is now sourced by Gumala from the Federal Government’s Indigenous Advancement Strategy and is closely tied with meeting the needs of the target audience. It is likely to be run off site this year, catering for Gumala and other Indigenous children from across Karratha. If this is the case, I would like to explore other opportunities to engage with families of young children who will come to Tambrey Primary School in the future.

School

It has been a busy and productive term so far, and with a few public holidays in the next few weeks, it will be holidays before we know it. ANZAC day and a school development / pupil free day start off Term Two with student returning to school Wednesday 27 April.

Every day matters

While we value time spent with family and are aware that some work rosters don’t correspond with school holidays, it is timely to remind parents that attending school is compulsory and all absences must be explained. Family vacations during term can be recorded as such but cannot be authorised.

P&C

We had a very successful P&C AGM recently. Congratulations to our office bearers; President - Stuart Dale, Vice President - Leah Lobato, Treasurer - Amy Pilkington, Secretary - Nikki Lampard, and Executive members; Jennifer Hill, Stacey Thomas, Jessica Alexander, Sue-Ann Scobie and Carrie Pianta.

We enjoy great support from our school community, especially our P&C. If you are interested in supporting what is happening in school, we encourage you to come to meetings, usually on the first Tuesday of the month.
School infrastructure improvements
We continue to make progress with our infrastructure. With the support of the Departments of Finance and Education, we will soon have the wet areas in blocks 2 and 4 air conditioned, allowing for more comfortable learning environments for small group work. The batons and shade cloth of the primary sand pit has been replaced. Our PA and siren has also been upgraded allowing better quality communications across the school and emergency management procedures.

Independent Public School Initiative
The School Council has endorsed the schools journey to become an Independent Public School. It is an opportunity to accept greater responsibility and accountability to meet the needs of our students. The first step is to participate in a briefing session, followed by a Development program before making a 30 minutes presentation to a panel. If successful, we then engage in a transition program in Term 4.

The 3 selection criteria are:
- Capacity of the school to assume greater responsibility for its own affairs
- Level of local support
- Potential benefits to students and the broader school community.

Please complete the first survey of our community, and return it to the box in the front office. A link to the IPS prospectus will be placed on the P&C FB page this week.

Library News

Book Club Update
Orders have started to arrive and more will be expected this week. Please be sure to let me know if you are experiencing any problems with your order. The last order gave us double reward points so we have some money to spend at Scholastic which I will be doing over the next couple of weeks.

I am encouraging the children to let me know if there is a book they would like to read that cannot be found in our catalogue and will do my very best to get it in.

The next book club issue will be out during the week starting Monday 14th March and due back on Friday 22nd March. You can access the website for scholastic now to check out the great offers they have in issue 2.

Overdue Notices
Notices will be sent out at the start of week 6 please be sure to remind the children to return any books that they may have out from the beginning of the year.

Library Leaders
Currently we have 6 Library Leaders undertaking the role during lunch time and free time. These kids are our Wiz Kidz and without their extra help I don’t know how I could keep up. They will be awarded their badges at the next assembly on Wednesday 9th March.

Library Volunteers
I would like to mention that the parent help has been wonderful and I appreciate the time you have spent with me in the library. Your input and help with the theme cut outs has been especially welcomed. I will need to complete this chore very soon and happy if you would like to assist after school at any time, just let me know.

Library Theme “Reading takes you places”
Please call me if you need to discuss anything library.
Thank you
Kerri Renton

Cupcake Sale
Year 6 students will be selling delicious home baked cupcakes, biscuits and slices on Thursday 3 March at lunchtime in the undercover area.
Cupcakes will range in price from 50c—$2.

Room 17 News

National Ride2School Day

Friday 4th March—Ride your bike to school!

Cycle Safe Incursion 10th March 2016

The award winning Cycle Safe program gives your primary students the foundational safety messages to keep them safe while riding in their community. Cycle Safe has developed a fun interactive incursion program for students. We believe prevention is better than cure. By having a holistic approach via early intervention involving schools, parents, teachers and students we will be able to provide life forming safety habits that will have a positive impact on future road and bike path usage and reduce injury and hospitalisation from bike related injuries.

Charity Head Shave

On Tuesday of Week 10 Helen Osborne and Ibu Stephanie will be shaving their heads for the Kids With Cancer Foundation. This is a great charity with 100% of profits going to families of children with cancer to help with everyday costs and living expenses.

With the help of our student leaders we will be fundraising at lunch times until the big day. We will be having a ‘guess how many lollies in the jar’ competition and a raffle, which will be drawn on the day.

The prize for this raffle will be the honour of cutting off Ibu Stephanie’s plait, which she will be donating to somewhere which can make wigs for those with cancer to help with everyday costs and living expenses.

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly held on Wednesday, 24 February:

ECC1 Chloe Baartz, Sienna Snow
ECC2 Lacklan Davis, Jacob Perry
EC4 Hadi Shahzad, Halimah Hicks
Room 1 Jillian Cooney, Eligh Frunks
Room 2 Jennifer Harrison, Chase Innes
Room 3 Eva Lam Sanchez, Cody Mansfield
Room 4 Noah Frunks, Rory Cabiac
Room 5 Kaden Crabbe, Macauley Scobie
Room 6 Shaya Hymus, Marnie Hall
Room 7 Eleixs Ridley, Alex Chambers
Room 8 Dylan Janssen, Lailah Herring
Room 9 Ella Jimbidle, Chris Sesar-Daublin
Room 10 Jarred Begg, Jessica Wilson
Room 12 Jedd Singer, Harrison Snow
Room 15 Caitlin Woodward, Bartley Lockyer
Room 16 Marcos Chrisp, Bree Nikel
Room 17 Ben Gillon, Rianecel Ramos
Room 18 Daniel Dang, Chelsea Laing

5 Keys to Success: Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Getting Along, Resilience.